

Dear Parents / Carers,

There was an incident after school today that I want to inform you of.

As students left school this afternoon, a small number of individuals ran through the school entrance on St Mary's Road and into the school buildings. The security team took immediate action, and the trespassers then left the school site. To keep our students and staff safe, we also locked down the school for a short period of time and called the police who attended TPA to take statements and collect the CCTV footage of the incident.

We are pleased to share that all staff and pupils are safe, and no damage was done to school property. This is thanks to the quick actions of our team as well as the robust security measures we have in place which worked as they should. We would also like to thank our pupils for their mature behaviour and conduct during this time.

We understand that this incident may cause students and parents to be concerned. I want to reassure you that we have a significant staff presence at the entrances to the school in the morning and afternoon. Staff were able to intervene quickly to ensure the intruders left the building.

We are working closely with the police to identify the intruders and support them in taking appropriate action. As this is now a live police investigation, we do not have any further information that we can share with you at this time but please be assured that the safety of our school is of the utmost importance to us.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support. If you have any questions, please contact the office on [info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming all students and staff back to school tomorrow.

Yours Sincerely



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